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1. On 18 December 1951, a few trucks and four amphibious cars on blocks were seen near a garage in the yards of the barracks installation west of Schiesstattring, St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). About 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, equipped with rifles and three mortars of medium caliber, marched into the billeting area from the direction of the municipal forest which is situated east of the St. Poelten-Leobersdorf (O 48/X 36) railroad line. Jeep [redacted] parked in the garden of the former Home for Aged People on Franz Binderstrasse which housed a Soviet hospital. No training activity was observed in Camp Spratzern before noon of 18 December. No weapons were noticed. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles were repaired in a large wooden vehicle shed. [redacted]

2. On 17 December, four AT guns and about 41 trucks were seen in the yard of the former insane asylum in Lauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). Of the 41 trucks, 21 were parked in the open and about 20 in the vehicle sheds. A group of about 40 troops with black-bordered red epaulets drilled in the yard and a platoon with black-bordered red epaulets returned from field training. Other troops were being trained in the construction of field fortifications and laying telephone cables in the woods east of the quarters. Truck [redacted] was seen in the billeting area, driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets.

3. On 19 December, the Birago Kaserne in Malk (O 49/W 63) quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Five trucks, [redacted] and a canvas-covered artillery piece stood in the yard. Among the military personnel observed in town were seven officers, including three majors, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and EM and uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Among the officers entering or leaving the billeting area there were three senior lieutenants who wore black-bordered black epaulets.

4. On 20 December, 54 motor vehicles were noticed in the Pasengarten Kaserne near Goetzendorf (P 49/X 57). Vehicles entering or leaving the billeting area included trucks [redacted], all of which were driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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